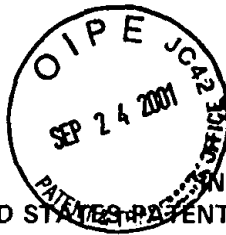


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PATENT APPLICATION

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Inventor(s): M. Jason Welch et al

Serial No.: 09/491900

Examiner: Nguyen, D

Filing Date: Jan 27, 2000

Group Art Unit: 2814

Title: A Method Of Integrated Circuit Construction With Port Alignment And Timing Signal Buffering Within A Common Area

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- (X) Response/Amendment ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee (Address envelope to "Box Non-Fee Amendments")  
( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_ (fee \$ \_\_\_\_\_)

CLAIMS AS AMENDED BY OTHER THAN A SMALL ENTITY						
(1) FOR	(2) CLAIMS REMAINING AFTER AMENDMENT	(3) NUMBER EXTRA	(4) HIGHEST NUMBER PREVIOUSLY PAID FOR	(5) PRESENT EXTRA	(6) RATE	(7) ADDITIONAL FEES
TOTAL CLAIMS	19	MINUS	20	= 0	X \$18	\$ 0
INDEP. CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	= 0	X \$80	\$ 0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$270	\$ 0
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$110.00	2ND MONTH \$390.00	3RD MONTH \$890.00	4TH MONTH \$1390.00		\$ 0
OTHER FEES						\$
TOTAL ADDITIONAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT						\$ 0

Charge \$ 0 to Deposit Account 50-1078. At any time during the pendency of this application, please charge any fees required or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account 50-1078 pursuant to 37 CFR 1.25. Additionally please charge any fees to Deposit Account 50-1078 under 37 CFR 1.16, 1.17, 1.19, 1.20 and 1.21. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

Respectfully submitted,

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For: **A METHOD OF INTEGRATED CIRCUIT CONSTRUCTION WITH  
PORT ALIGNMENT AND TIMING SIGNAL BUFFERING WITHIN A  
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**RESPONSE TO SECOND NON-FINAL OFFICE ACTION**

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

The Office Action mailed June 20, 2001 (Paper No. 7) has been carefully considered. In response thereto, please consider the following remarks.

**AUTHORIZATION TO DEBIT ACCOUNT**

It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those which may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a), and any fees required therefor (including fees for net addition of claims) are hereby authorized to be charged to deposit account no. 50-1078.

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